PROCLAMATION

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 1962

WHEREAS, on July 4th of this year the United States celebrates the One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, this nation's most historic document and one that has much world-wide significance today as in 1776; and

WHEREAS, may we, in our Fourth of July celebrations this year and every year, always remember with pride the courage, sacrifice and devotion to freedom displayed by the fiftysix brave Americans who affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence. There are many fitting ways to make our Independence Day observance meaningful.

WHEREAS, it will be appropriate to give due attention to the meaning of the Declaration of Independence and to the sacrifice it represented for men who gladly pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for the good of all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of South Dakota do hereby request that patriotic organizations and service clubs hold Independence Day meetings during the week of July 1st to 7th, that the flag be widely displayed and municipal officials arrange to have the graves of veterans properly cared for.

WHEREAS, in these ways we can show our pride in our country and our deep gratitude to those who gave everything, including their lives, to bring this great nation into being.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto s. t my hand and caused the Great Seal of South Dakota to be affixed this 3 day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two.

ATTEST: